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## Numismatists of Wisconsin

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### Deadline

News for the next issue should be sent to the Editor before November 1st



## President's Message

by Lee Hartz

Well, its been a typical summer so far. Lots of rain at times; lots of heat at other times. Thank goodness for central air conditioning.

The coin shows have been around too. The Mid-America Show was at the new Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee and the ANA just completed in Rosemont (Chicago area). I've heard good things about it from various dealers and several NOW members walked off with top exhibit prizes.

After ANA, Krause Publications had their "Day in the Country". Folks came up from Chicago on the train and the two Milwaukee area coin clubs chartered a bus and had about 45 in attendance. Attendees received a silver medal commemorating the day. I saw your Secretary/Treasurer, along with several other past and present NOW Board members.

Fred Borgmann was also at the Day in the Country, but was feeling pretty weak. He's recovering from a burst appendix and the resulting surgery. We'll keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

This issue of NOW News has a call for nominations for officers for the next 2 years. You'll need to elect a new President and Vice President and 4 Board members. I'm hoping that Vice President, Bill Brandimore, will consider running for President. The Pres and VP will be for 2 year terms and the Board members will be for 3 years.

Now (no pun intended) is the time to think about who you'd like to have run your organization for the next few years. Have a great summer and fall, and Happy Collecting!

## Call for Nominations



In accordance with Article I, Section 1, of the NOW Bylaws, a call for nominations of officers shall be made in the fall issue of NOW News.

Nominations must be made in writing by a regular or life member of NOW.

Candidates must be paid-up members and must have been a member of NOW for a minimum of 1 year. No member may nominate themselves.

Officers whose terms expire are: Lee Hartz (President) and Bill Brandimore (Vice President).

Governors whose terms expire are: Tom Casper, Kevin Doyle, Myles Fenske, Thad Streeter.

Every member should exercise this key franchise of membership. Grass roots involvement in our organization means your representatives will implement YOUR ideas.

**Nominations will close September 30th.** Send your nominations to NOW Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Calkins, PO Box 155, Mazomanie, WI 53560.

**Remember  
the Deadline is September 30th**





## Secretary's Musings

by Ron Calkins

We didn't have an opportunity to attend ANA, but we did attend Krause Publications' "Day in the Country" and had a great time seeing old friends again. Being an old car nut, I especially enjoyed seeing all of Chet's old vintage vehicles.

**Speaking of old friends;** we stopped to see Daisy Jackson on our way home from vacation a few weeks ago. She's doing very well for being 94 years young and is still living in her Beaver Dam home. The Jacksons donated several prize-winning exhibits to NOW, which were auctioned off at the 1996 NOW show in Wausau.

John and Nancy Wilson have moved from Milwaukee and are getting settled into their new home in Florida.

**Thanks** - We recently received a pleasant surprise from Gary Rosencrans of Gary's Coins & Stamps in Wisconsin Rapids. Gary sponsored 13 new NOW members. We welcome them into our numismatic family.

We also want to thank Rollie Finner for sending us ANA photos and ANA calendar information and to Ruth Ann Phillips for some of the photos published in this newsletter.

**Best articles of 1998** - The winning NOW articles for last year have finally been determined. David Hunsicker was awarded 1st place for his excellent article, "Detecting Counterfeit Paper Money." Second place was awarded to Gene Johnson for "Birthplace of the Grand Old Party" and Phyllis Calkins received 3rd place for her Obsidian Blade article.

These cash awards normally would have been presented at the 1999 annual show. However, a lack of votes from NOW members delayed things a bit. The clubs donating the cash awards picked this year's winners. Anyway, congratulations to all and we look forward to more good articles in the future.

If you have written an article that relates to numismatics, send it to the editor... it may be used in a future issue of NOW News **and** you may win a cash prize for one of the best articles in 2000.

**Do you know what kind of horse is on the Delaware quarter?** (Look for the answer elsewhere).

**The Show Calendar** lists 14 shows coming up this fall... Our Board usually gets together at the Baraboo show, which will be held in Wisconsin Dells on October 17th.



## A Day in the Country

by Phyllis Calkins

We passed by a busy Mail Department on our way to the Visitor's Center. Of particular interest to us was the Production area where Donna Mummery told about computer designing and how internet ads are received and processed.

Shortly before noon a shuttle bus took us to tour the warehouse and printing center.

After lunch at the Thorson House, Cliff Mishler made a few announcements and introductions. Then we had an opportunity to participate in one of several activities -- some took the Point Beer Brewery tour in Stevens Point, others opted for fishing or golfing. I joined the 3 bus loads of guests who enjoyed a 1-1/2 hour cruise on the beautiful Chain O' Lakes, one of Wisconsin's most popular resort areas.

Coins wasn't the only topic of conversation throughout the day. Almost everyone, including my husband, Ron, went to see Chet's "toys" -- an extensive collection of antique cars, trucks, fire engines and World War II military vehicles.

Following the American Numismatic Association's Convention in Chicago, Krause Publications hosted a "Day in the Country" on August 16th. Over 300 guests gathered in Iowa for a day of fun and relaxation.

We arrived at 9:30, registered and had time for a quick cup of coffee before Mary Roloff took us on a tour of the KP complex.

On our first stop, George Cuhaj told about the various numismatic books that are available to collectors, and then in the Numismatic Editorial Department Tim Rolands was working on the next issue of Numismatic News. After a quick stop by the Advertising Department, Debbie Tischendorf highlighted the Customer Service area, mentioning 15 operators cover the 800 phones from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. so customers can talk to a "real" person if they have concerns or want to call in an order.



We returned to the Thorson House about 5:30, had a cold Coke and visited some more. I had the pleasure of meeting one of NOW's newer writers... Leon Saryan from Milwaukee. Be sure to read his Aurora Wooden Nickel article in this issue.

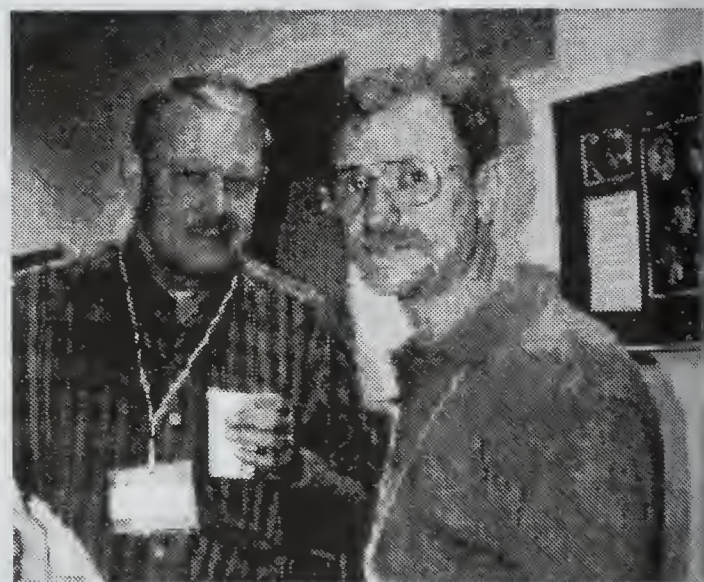


(Above) Board members: Bob VanRyzin, Randy Miller and Mike Schiller



Murial, Scott & Cliff Manthe

A chicken and beef dinner with all the trimmings was served about 6 p.m. and "Roger's Jolly Dutchmen" entertained us with polkas and songs during dinner. This music was a special treat which many out-of-state guests probably hadn't heard before.



Gary Goedken and Gary Rosencranz (who recently sponsored 13 new members)

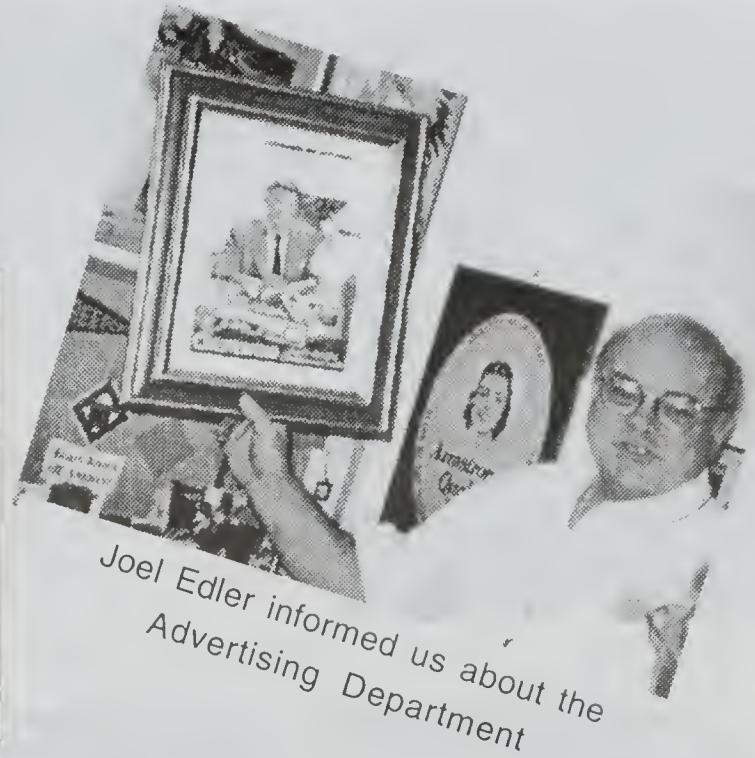
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In Iola**



Nancy Wilson, Neva Helm, Gene Johnson and RuthAnn Phillips.

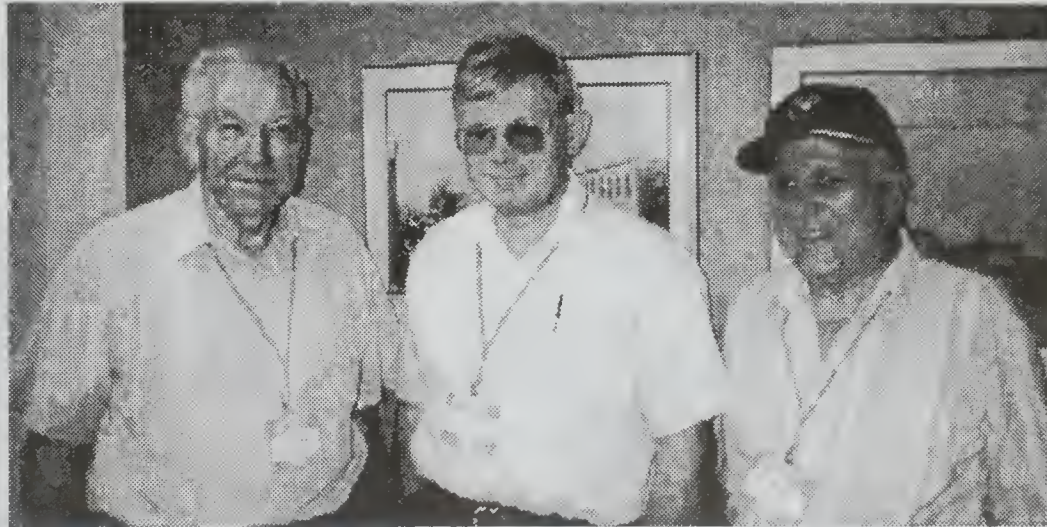


Phyllis & Ron Calkins, RuthAnn & Peter Phillips, Rollie Finner & John Wilson



Joel Edler informed us about the Advertising Department

Past President, Chet Krause and President, Cliff Mishler visit with Past NOW President, Jim Medd of Crossville, Tennessee.

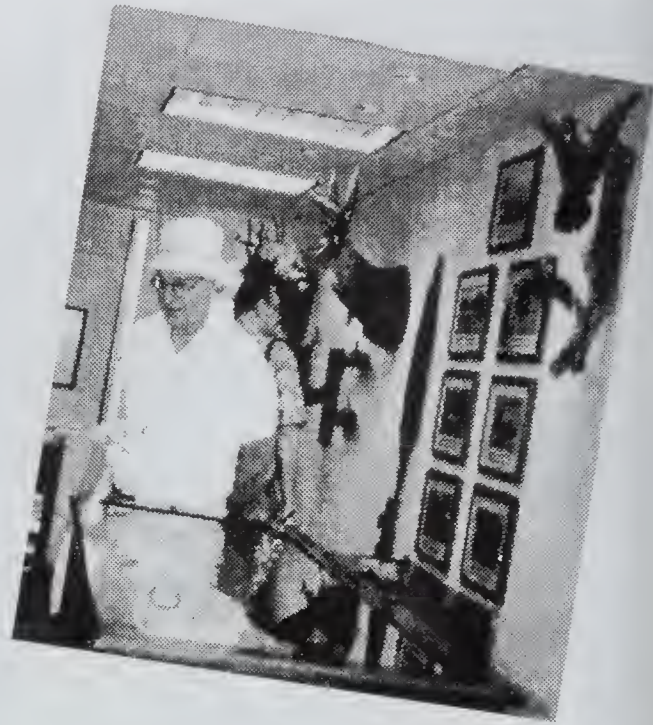


A few of Chet's vintage vehicles.





ANA Interim Executive Director, Ed Rochette and Gene Johnson



The Visitors Center was an interesting part of the tour for Ron Calkins



Some just relaxed and socialized rather than taking an afternoon tour.



Patty, Karl & Kevin Doyle and Ron Calkins wait for the shuttle bus following a tour of the warehouse.



NOW President, Lee Hartz and Annette Tramte were part of the group that chartered a bus from Milwaukee.





**Clara  
Gill**

Throughout history, the sages have said "Behind every successful man is a supportive woman." To the old-time NOW members who recall the exceptional non-competitive exhibits of NOW legend, Gordon Gill, this will bring a nod of the head.

Clara Gill, non-numismatist, typed the coin descriptions, was ever present at setups, cleaned and polished a thousand sets of display case glass and so beautifully complemented Gordon's numismatic work.

Clara joined NOW in the early 1960s, holding membership #263.

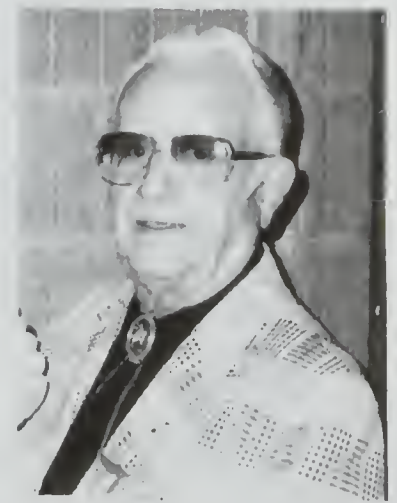
A "Gray Lady" volunteer worker in the Madison Veterans Hospital for over 40 years, Clara was frequently recognized for her tireless dedication to the desperately ill and dying veterans.

Clara passed away on Friday, July 16th. She was 83 years of age.

By Gene Johnson

## *With Sympathy*

**Monte  
Sherwin**



Wisconsin National Banknote collector, Horace "Monte" Sherwin, died August 9th at the age of 91.

Monte was also noted for assembling a collection of one of the world's most comprehensive collections of crowns of the world. He did this as a joint project with Bill Higgins of Okoboji, Iowa. This extraordinary set was sold at auction in the mid-1970s.

He also did not stint on U.S. Coins. He pursued many series in this field during his first 30 years in the hobby before turning to the world and paper fields.

Monte traveled extensively in his career as a salesman for Oster Company, which he joined in 1937 and remained with until his retirement 35 years later.

Monte was active in many hobby organizations. He joined NOW in 1963 (#0047) and served as President from 1978-1980. He also held membership in ANA and was given a Numismatic Ambassador Award for his contributions to the hobby.

A Masonic funeral was held August 12th in Black River Falls. His wife, Esther, died in 1988.

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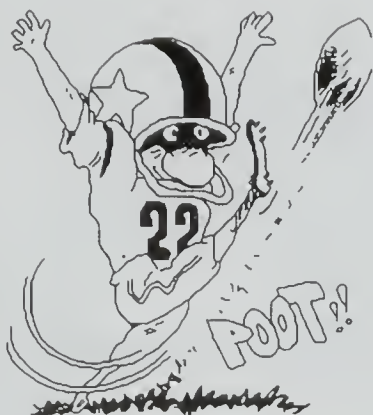
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## Coin Club News

### Waukesha Coin Club Releases Elongated Cent

At their 30th annual coin show held last spring, the Waukesha Coin Club released an elongated cent. This was the 9th annual elongated issue, and features a design showing Waukesha aviation pioneers Dean and Dale Crites and their 1911 Crites Pusher Biplane. Copies of this elongated cent can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and 50¢ per coin to the Waukesha Coin Club, 1912 Laura Lane, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186.

Also available at 50¢ each are elongated cents from 1995 with the Waukesha Spring House as the design, 1996 with the Waukesha Coin Club's logo design, 1997 with the Waukesha native Les Paul's electric guitar design and the 1998 State of Wisconsin 150th anniversary design.

### Racine Numismatic Society

Members will hold their banquet October 14th, to coincide with their 700th meeting. What better way to celebrate!

## Fishbowl Coin Club Reports on Summer Show

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club's 33rd annual show was held July 31st with approximately 125 attending. Participants came as far as Dallas, TX and St. Louis, MO.

Willis Peterson of Frederic was the lucky winner of a 1/4 oz. Gold Eagle and Jacob Talmadge of Frederic was lucky at guessing 477 pennies in a jar holding 476 pennies. Tucked in the jar was an 1899 Indian Head.

A very successful auction was conducted by Harlan Becker, who promises next year's show and auction will be even bigger and better. It is tentatively planned for August 5th.

Club members held their annual picnic on August 19th at the Siren Senior Center.

### Illinois Numismatic Assoc. Fall Coin Show

**October 8-10, 1999**

Friday & Saturday 10-6 p.m.

Sunday 10-4 p.m.

#### Ramada Inn Motel

17040 South Halsted (Jct. I-80 and Rt. #1)

Harvey, IL 60426

Ph. 708-596-1500

Scotsman & NTL Rare Coin Auctions

Friday, Oct. 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Clayton Hagemann

630-552-3491



## **New Series \$20 Banknotes**

For the first time, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now issuing limited edition uncirculated \$20 notes with low serial numbers. Three new products will be offered.

### **Premium Federal Reserve Set**

This features 1 crisp uncirculated Series 1996 \$20 Federal Reserve Note from each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks. Notes have matching low serial numbers. This set comes in an attractive portfolio with information about each individual Federal Reserve Bank and is limited to 2,000 units. Sales are limited to 2 sets per customer (\$695/set).

### **Premium Historical Portfolio**

This set features the first of the new style and among the last of the old style \$20 notes produced at the Bureau. The new currency design Series 1996 \$20 Federal Reserve Note comes with a low serial number. The old style Series 1995 \$20 Federal Reserve Note is the last in the series of \$20 notes whose design origin goes back to the Series 1928 \$20 note. This old style Series 1995 \$20 is being offered for the last time in crisp uncirculated condition next to that of a crisp uncirculated new design \$20 note. It comes in an attractive portfolio, certifying authenticity. This offer is limited to 10,000 sets at \$135/set. Sales are limited to only 5 sets per customer.

### **Deluxe Single Note**

This product features a single crisp uncirculated new currency design Series 1996 \$20 Federal Reserve Note with a low serial number. It comes in an attractive folder and sells at only \$35.

To order, contact the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Room 515-M, 14th & C Streets, S.W., Washington, DC 20228 or call 1-800-456-3408 or FAX 1-888-891-7585.

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## **Coming in January 2000**



Next year the U.S. Government will release the first new coin for general circulation in 20 years -- the Sacagawea dollar coin.

The U.S. Congress passed a law authorizing the U.S. Mint to place into circulation a new dollar coin, similar to the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. The coin will be golden in color with a distinctive edge.

The U.S. Treasury announced that the woman on the next dollar coin will be representative of Liberty as Sacagawea, the Shoshoni Indian woman who helped guide the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the northwest. That her fame is somewhat discerning is evident from historical records, however, disparities exist in everything from the spelling of her name to the dates of both her birth and death. Sacagawea has become romanticized over time and her actual accomplishments have been revised in legend.



## Silver Helps Regrow Tissues in Hundreds of Patients



Silver can help regenerate human cells that have been destroyed by disease or damaged in accidents.

The silver-based procedure has been so successful in clinical tests that one patient who had sustained 3 crushed fingers in an accident grew new tissue immediately. Within 2-1/2 months, skin

coverage was complete and there was normal, full sensation, good blood supply and all joints had a normal range of motion. If left untreated, the 30-year-old electrician's fingers would have fallen off with gangrene, and he would have been left with a totally useless hand. His orthopedic surgeon had recommended amputation of all 3 fingers, but the patient requested silver-ion therapy, which was successful.

The mechanism by which silver ions help rebuild tissue has been studied for more than a decade by Dr. Robert Becker of Lowville, NY. Dr. Becker discovered that when positively charged silver ions are electrically introduced into wounds with a proprietary silver-coated nylon fabric used as the positive electrode, large amounts of primitive embryonic stem cells are produced. These stem cells are responsible for the reconstruction of destroyed tissue at a pace considerably faster than if the wound had been left to heal by itself.

The advantages of this technique are the ease of use, use of the patient's own cells, no immune reaction, no need to use human fetuses as a source of stem cells, no need for anti-rejection drugs and it's economical.

The technique works in 3 stages. The first stage is the chemical combination of the highly active free silver ions with all bacteria or fungi present in the wound which are inactivated within 20-30 minutes. The second stage occurs over the next few days. Silver acts on fibroblast cells (the cells that normally cause wound healing by scar formation) to cause them to revert to their embryonic state, becoming stem cells. These cells are universal building blocks whose role is to reconstruct new tissue regenerating the original structure rather than only to form scar tissue.

In the final stage, silver ions form a complex with the living cells in the wound area to produce immediately convertible stem cells. As stem cells flood the wound, they are rapidly converted into new mature normal tissues of the types present before the wound occurred. The end result of this conversion is complete restoration of all anatomical structures, including nerves and blood supply with no scar formation. In all cases treated, no evidence of discoloration of skin or any other side effect was noted.

No other known treatment provides sufficient numbers of the embryonic or stem cells required for true regeneration of damaged or destroyed tissue in humans and animals. This indicates that there is the potential not only for the healing of near-surface wounds, but for regenerative repair of internal organs such as heart, liver, brain and the spinal cord.

## Global Positioning System Changing How We Move

A report from the Gold Institute makes us realize what a high-tech, space-aged society we're living in and points out how important gold really is.

From finding your location on the golf course to winding your way on the freeway, the Global Positioning System (GPS) is dramatically changing how we move, and it all relies on the many high-tech properties of gold.

Originally designed by the military for logistical deployment, GPS uses a cluster of earth orbiting satellites which transmit precise locations to receivers small enough to hold in your hand. Megellan Corporation of San Dimas, CA, couples its GPS receivers with a street map of the U.S., on CD-ROM. By overlaying the map on the GPS screen, users create a door-to-door route. Once in the car, GPS signals guide users along the road from point-to-point. Some new car makers are providing the map and GPS combo already built into the dashboard.

One of the most widely used applications is in trucking. GPS allows dispatchers to know where their trucks are located around the clock and even sends a warning if a truck takes a strange route or has been sitting idle for an inordinate amount of time.

GPS is making inroads in recreation too. Hunters, fishermen and private pilots use GPS to find their location, plot routes and find favorite spots. Sailors use GPS to plot waypoints for navigation along with screens that offer tide tables, buoy locations and other navigational aids. Some golf clubs have installed GPS units on carts allowing players

to see a map of each hole as it is played, showing the remaining distance to the center of the green.

Farmers use GPS to help grow crops. By plotting on maps where they want to spray pesticides or other chemicals, the GPS senses these precise locations and automatically turns on the tractor's sprayer. The end results are more exact applications and less cost.

One of the newest ways to deploy GPS is in preventing vehicle theft. When a car or truck is parked, the driver "locks" the GPS to its spot. If the vehicle is moved, the GPS senses the change and an alarm is activated. Prototype systems let the GPS follow the vehicle as a separate transmitter sends its point-by-point location to police. GPS signals also are being used to keep floating oil rigs centered over their well heads, such as those operating in the Gulf of Mexico. If the well head moves more than a prescribed amount, technicians are alerted.

To make the hand-held units even more useful they are being outfitted with cellular phones to receive voice, text and internet messages. They also make precise timepieces in the field as U.S. Naval Observatory time is sent along with GPS location signals.

Traditional surveying methods are being replaced. Many geologists and engineers have hand-held units. At open pit mines, survey Grade GPS units are used for all the survey work. They can do layout work to show where to set the blast and drill holes for core samples. In field prospecting, GPS has made it easier to do field survey work. Before, an actual surveyor was needed. Now he has GPS to handle geologic mapping,

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# Slaves, Slavers and Slavery Exonumia

by Gene Johnson (NOW #41)

The 1993 Stacks Coin Company sale of slave badges from the John J. Ford collection appeared to be a barometer of America's fascination with our nation's Negro slave period. The 14 licensed slave badges sold at prices ranging from \$2,300 to \$12,000. The tags originated from the slave owner's practice of hiring out slaves for some licensed trades.

While I have never had an opportunity to see a slave badge, or hold one in my hand to "feel" the fearful vibrations of such a license, it's not hard to understand the emotional impact of the possession of such an artifact.

Although I have not owned a slave badge, in my exonumia collection there are numerous other tokens and medals related to slavery in one or another of its many forms.

Undoubtably NOW readers who collect tokens will be able to add examples to this listing of slaves and slavers exonumia held in their own collections.

Negro slavery in the continental United States in 1999, is almost synonymous with all slavery, but North American slavery was far from unique. Slavery has existed deep into recorded history, and is universal in nature.

Many people are shocked to find that historians feel the creation of slavery in early historical times was a major advance in world civilization. However, prior to this time, all wartime captives were simply killed, or in some mid-east and South American cultures, horribly tortured to death.

Centuries later, the horror of torture and mutilation in defeat was for intimidation, with ransom and indemnity sometimes the alternative. Life was simpler then, with gold and women the undisguised spoils of the victors.

Using a selection of tokens and medals as a vehicle, let's open the slavery file, and review some of the many facets of this subjection of humankind.

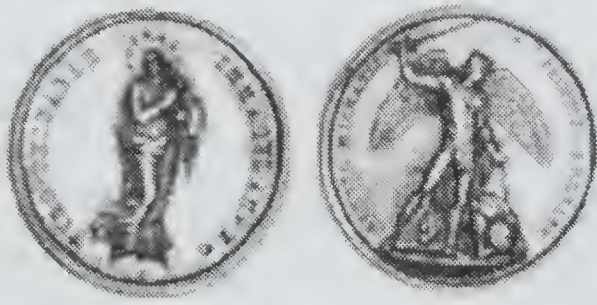
In the beginning, the first record of slavery was the slavery to sin of Adam and Eve as recorded in the Bible, a slavery that has been passed down, and is now relegated to the status of a social problem in our "everything goes" world.



Kappen LA 863 (cat. #4.50) 32 mm brass. Clever reverse design - risque rendering of "luck" in relation to feet. Also D in good.

In our exonumia related story, this enslavement is portrayed, perhaps a bit cavalierly, on a brass trade token from Los Angeles, California.

Although this was the only exonumia of Adam and Eve I could find in my collection, many beautiful early medals with winged angels pictured have been struck portraying events of the Judeo Christian religion. The silver medal shown here is beautifully toned.



37mm silver (cast) high relief - rev.  
St. Michael as the Angel of Death. (under feet)  
left: C Finlli inv. Right G. Cerbaka FICF.

In exonomia, the slave master devil was often center pieced on magic tokens, as in the horned, pointed eared demon on the french magic token shown. The depiction of the tailed and cloven hoofed Satan dates back to medieval paintings created in the period when physical slavery was rampant in Europe.



Kueth Cat. #MT 341 - 21mm-brass

The recorded history in Africa dates back to 3000 years before the birth of Christ, and both secular and Bible history detail enslavements by nearly every early society.

Numerically, slavery seems to have peaked at the height of the expansion of the Roman empire, when an estimated 25 million slaves of all races, represented about 40% of the population of that sprawling empire.

Roman slaves, fruit of conquest, were not only used as laborers, but also as craftsmen, teachers, hand-maidens and servants. Some were treated well, but others physically and sexually brutalized, or used as lion food during "sporting events". My eclectic token collection has images of 3 of the great slavers

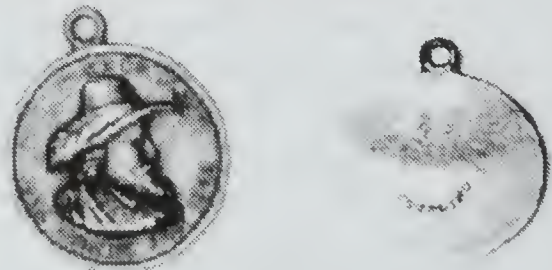
of this era, but the Roman despots pictured, along with Alexander the Great, are on coins of the realm, not exonomia.

Slavery in the Americas had its roots when the Spanish drove the Moors out of Spain into the continent of Africa. Shortly after (around the year 1400) these war-like Moors began to sell captured Africans to the Portuguese as slaves, opening the dark continent to world-wide slave trade exploitation.

Ninety years later, Christopher Columbus became the first caucasoid slave master in the new world when he brutalized and enslaved the Arawak natives of the Caribbean Islands which he had discovered in 1492.

Prior to the 1892-1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Columbus was viewed as a historical nobody most everywhere in the world, but he came out of the big fair "revised" as a fairy-book hero by some people in the United States.

One hundred years later, the newly found voice of the native North Americans in the mid 1990s now lends a more even handed view of the Spanish discoverer, who was perhaps a product of his times, but surely not "mister wonderful" as portrayed to our school children since 1892.



21mm silver similar to eglit #462 (Columbus)

The looped uniface silver Colombian medal shown depicts the explorer, who has been "pictured" on hundreds of medals and tokens, although no one has any idea what Columbus



looked like. That fact can be clearly seen on this 25mm brass token issued by the Canadian government. Quite a range of depiction!



24 mm Brass - similar to Eglit #216 (Columbus)

The incredible slaughter of the South American natives, and their inability to survive Spanish slavery conditions brought about the influx of African slaves to the Spanish colonies in 1516. Any facade of conquest in the name of Christianity (rather than gold) was dispelled in 1517, when missionary Bishop Bartholome de las Casas requested African slave laborers be imported to the Spanish colonies. Slavery, however, was not new to the Americas.

For centuries in South America, captive slaves had been used by both the Aztec and Maya cultures and their predecessors, to build massive pyramids and sacrificial temples to pagan Gods.

Likewise, many warlike aborigine tribes of North America had long enslaved captive members of other tribes, most often killing the adult males and making slaves of the women and children.

Countless medals and tokens depicting native North Americans have been struck since the 18th century, our own Wisconsin Dells area has used headressed Ho Chunk warriors on dozens of different souvenir pieces.

Many of the later strikings represent the guilt ridden 20th century awareness culture, with most of this 20th century exonomia depicting the "noble red man."

Historically, however, the North American native was a harsh slave master, not only to slaves captured from other tribes, Caucasian women and children, but also to Negro slaves that some New England tribes owned.



23mm brass (incuse design). Found in slot machine slugs in 1960. Of the 7 pieces found, 2 had the number "1" incused into the reverse.

The incused brass token is believed to be a pre-1900 Indian trader token. It's use is problematical, but appears to be a primitive trade token used as a common indicator of value, rather than a more clearly defined post trader or sutler's token.



39mm silver - may be heavy silver plated (rings well). Rev. (under leaves) - the Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, NJ.

The superb die work featured on the looped silver anniversary medal of Ware Massachusetts depicts a handsome Wampanoag spear fisherman, and is the finest Indian rendering in my collection. This medal was picked up at one of the small Wisconsin coin shows.

The Wampanoag tribe was friendly and supportive of the first Pilgrim settlers while under the leadership of Chief Massasoit, who

was largely responsible for the survival of the first colonists. However, when Chief Massasoit died, his second son, Phillip, assumed power and bitterly fought the colonists in 1676. After a series of bloody battles, Chief Phillip was defeated and killed, and the colonists promptly sold his wife and son into slavery in Bermuda.

Once the Pilgrims had firmly established a foothold in North America, the second wave of European immigrants brought fewer indentured servants as laborers, and fewer convicts were exiled to the new world by the English, causing the colonists to begin relying on Negro slaves from the Caribbean and Africa.

It is interesting to note that 200 years later, when our European forefathers drove the Native Americans westward, the settlers were appalled when the hostile tribes enslaved captured white women and children, yet in the agricultural states of the colonies, Negro slavery was an accepted way of life.

It is estimated a total of 10 million Africans were forcibly brought to the new world, primarily for harsh Spanish enslavement. About 450,000 Negroes were brought to colonial North America, the majority delivered by British slavers.

African captives, unlike most other slaves, were not the booty of war, but more like commercial chattel, considered to be property.

Contrary to popular belief, white slavers were not responsible for the capture of Negro slaves. Potential slaves were captured by African slave traders who swapped their black brothers and sisters to Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch and English slave merchants.

The trade goods offered by the Europeans was most often woven goods, metal ware, rum and weapons.

While Negro slavery became a fact of life in parts of the Southern colonies in America, there was a strong Colonial dissent, since among the founding fathers of our country were Scotch Irish abolitionists strongly opposed to slavery.

Antislavery organizations were fed and nurtured from mother England, where the abomination of the slave trade was well recognized and legally fought as early as the mid 1700s. The British were by far the most vocal opponents and critics of slavery once the slave trade, which they had propagated, was outlawed in England.

One of the earliest antislavery organizations to spring up in New England, was the American Colonization Society, which was founded in 1817.

New England and the northern colonies became hotbeds of abolitionism, creating anti-slave political parties in the presidential elections of 1840 and 1844. By the year 1854, the Republican party had already espoused abolitionism, and the groundwork had been laid for the war of emancipation that exploded 20 years later in 1863.



33mm white metal (or pewter) rev. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Obv. "Am I not a man and a brother".





Rev. "May slavery and oppression cease throughout the world" 25mm brass.

The zeal of these abolitionists is remembered in this story by two English anti-slave medals of the 1800 era and an American hard-times token dated 1838.



One of the English male slave tokens is made of pewter, the other brass, and are examples of the many types issued by British abolitionists. I have been unable to find a catalog which lists these interesting English pieces.

The 1838 female slave "hard times" token was the result of the unpopular tariff bill passed into law in the year 1828, creating the so-called "hard times". While many of these hard time tokens mock President Andrew Jackson, (several featuring jackasses) author Lyman Low describes the female slave piece in this way:

*"The question of slavery and its abolition had at this time found a permanent place in politics, and to a large number of people in the North, such sentiments were particularly pleasing. Hence, the shrewd selection of the device of a kneeling slave, to popularize the introduction of a profitable token to advance the cause of freedom".*

So popular is the 1838 female slave token, that it has been the subject of articles in the Journal of the Token and Medal Society 6 times over the past 30 years. This sister-

slave token is only scarce (perhaps 50 known), unlike the rare companion 1838 male slave token of which only 2 pieces are believed to exist. Needless to say, I have never owned the American male slave token.



29mm brass. Rev. weak struck 38 in date is common to this token.

As the abolitionists in the colonies legally slowed the influx of slaves into 19th century North America, the price of African slaves rose dramatically, making the smuggling of human chattel a viable and profitable business.

By 1860 nearly 4 million Negro slaves were in our country, and about half a million Negro free men. These free men were offered an opportunity to return to Africa when the independent country of Liberia was founded for that purpose in 1847, but only 12,000 Negroes chose to return.

Twelve years after the end of the Civil War, when U.S. troops were withdrawn from the South, injustices imposed by Northern carpetbaggers and Negro militia had already created a backlash of suppressive local laws and regulations in Southern states. Many Negroes fled west in that great land expansion rather than face political oppression in the South, and trade union oppression in the North.

Watch for Part 2 in the next issue of  
NOW News.

# Aurora Health Care Wooden Nickel

by Leon Saryan #1704



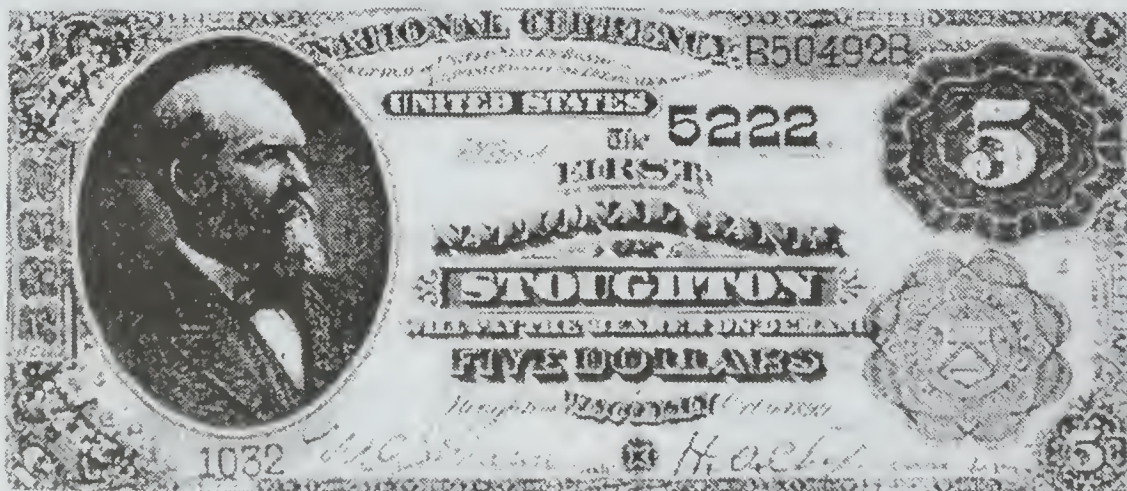
Collectors of Milwaukee area exonomia will be interested to learn of a new wooden nickel that was released in limited quantity by the Food Management Department of Aurora Health Care. The tokens are being used to improve cafeteria food service at affiliated Aurora facilities. I obtained one example after filling out a food service satisfaction survey at West Allis Memorial Hospital on May 21, 1999. Only one token was distributed to each employee completing the survey. Although not so stated, each wooden nickel is good for one beverage (coffee or soft drink) in the cafeteria.

Aurora Health Care, headquartered in Milwaukee is the largest health care provider in eastern Wisconsin and, with 18,300 full-time and part-time employees, one of the largest employers in the state. Aurora facilities include St. Luke's Medical Center

(Milwaukee), St. Lukes South Shore (Cudahy), Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center (Milwaukee), West Allis Memorial Hospital, Hartford Memorial Hospital, Burlington Memorial Hospital, Lakeland Medical Center (Elkhorn), Aurora Medical Center (Kenosha), Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center, Two Rivers Community Hospital and Valley View Medical Center (Plymouth), as well as numerous medical clinics and specialty offices.

The token is 38mm in diameter and weighs 2.7 grams. It is printed in blue-green ink (the Aurora color) and reads "Aurora Health Care Food Management/Wooden Nickel Be Prepared." The Aurora logo (an infinity symbol) appears on the obverse and an Indian appears on the reverse.

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# Canceled Checks Had Second Life as Insulation

by Bill Brandimore #1638

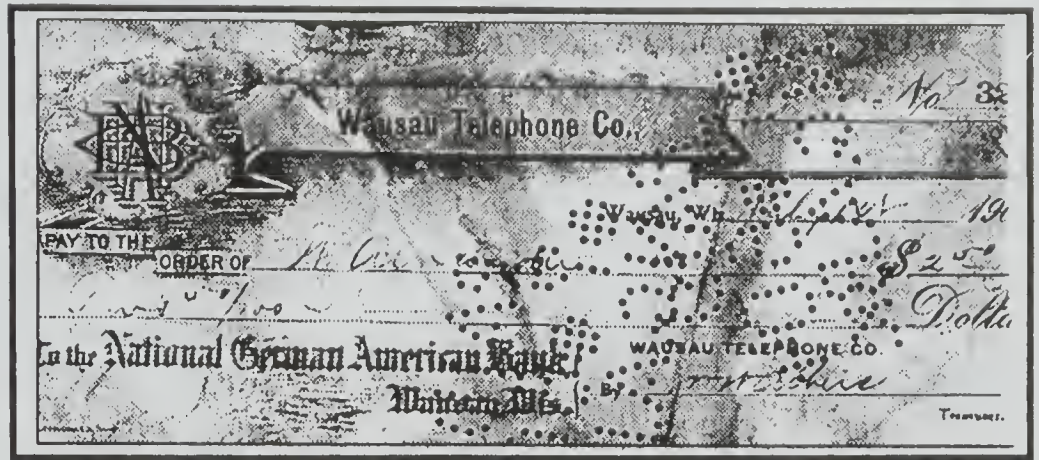
You find collectable items in the strangest places. For example, the check illustrated here resided for 80 or 90 years as a bit of window frame insulation.

I found out about it when Doug Todd, owner of Diamond Showcase at 301 Third Street in Wausau, mailed it to me with a bit of explanation.

They had replaced a window frame as they refurbished the building from a furniture store to fine jewelers and found a dozen or so checks of the same type stuffed in the interior of the window frame as a sort of insulation. Perhaps it had even provided a little better seal or fit for the window.

A few days later I visited Doug to get the rest of the story. The other checks were mostly in poor condition. They were all drawn on the National German American Bank of Wausau, the predecessor to the American National Bank of Wausau that stood where M&I now stands, as a sort of bookend to the old Schroeder Hotel, now the Landmark Hotel.

The checks were all dated in and around the year 1904. They were all drawn on the Wausau Telephone Company account, and although somewhat water stained, you could see that they were pretty fancy checks in their day, intended to underscore both the importance of the bank and the corporation that was offering the Wausau community this



newfangled telephone service.

Several were made out to the local figures of some significance. One was tendered to the Murray Manufacturing Company and endorsed by D.J. Murray, an early Wausau businessman of note. Another (the one illustrated) was made out to Walter Alexander and endorsed by him on the back of the check. Walter Alexander was an early and very significant Wausau businessman with widespread industrial and business interests.

The other checks were too water damaged to make out, but they bore testimony to the fact that while the Wausau Telephone Company might have passed on, its canceled checks continued to serve a useful purpose.

Todd explained that the building at 301 Third Street, according to Mary Jane Hettings of the Marathon County Historical Society, was built in 1883 for H.A. Frost and Company and sold to William W. Albers in 1893. Albers used the building for a drug store and, as a director and treasurer of the Wausau Telephone Company, it was not surprising to see returned and canceled checks utilized as window frame insulation in his building. Todd and I both thoroughly enjoyed this

demonstration of frugality with materials at hand.

Todd's research revealed that according to "Wausau in 1900," Mr. Albers lived in an elegant Queen Anne style mansion located at 501 LaSalle Street. The house was almost new at the time, having been built in 1894. Albers was also a director of the Wausau Mutual Fire Insurance Company and active in a number of fraternal organizations.

The old Albers building at 301 Third Street, kitty-corner from the entrance to the Wausau Center mall was beautifully remodeled and is worth a look if you're shopping in the downtown Wausau area. It's interesting to see how much fun you can have with an old check someone stuck in a window frame almost a century ago.

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## Who is Caesar Rodney and Why is he Depicted on the 1999 Delaware Quarter?

The coin honors Rodney for a historic horseback ride July 1-2, 1776 that made him the hero of Delaware. The Continental Congress was meeting that spring and summer to contemplate declaring independence from the British Crown.

The Delaware delegates included Thomas McKean and George Read, both of New Castle, and Rodney, of Kent. McKean and Rodney were in favor of independence, but Read felt that it was too drastic a move.

McKean sent a message to Rodney saying that on July 2nd the Continental Congress would vote on the issue. Knowing that Read was opposed, McKean asked Rodney to rush to

Philadelphia. Despite hardships -- historical accounts say he was suffering from a serious facial cancer and asthma, and he endured summer heat and thunderstorms. He completed the 80 mile ride and arrived at the Pennsylvania State House during the last minutes of the debate. Casting his last-minute vote, he broke the tie among Delaware's delegates in favor of the Declaration of Independence.

Every state in the Nation is going to be represented by its very own quarter. The U.S. Mint is issuing a new quarter about every 10 weeks in the order that the states joined the Union, which means 5 per year. Wisconsin became a state on May 29, 1848, so we'll be the last to be released in the year 2004.

Keep this schedule for future reference:

1999	DE	PA	NJ	GA	CT
2000	MA	MD	SC	NH	VA
2001	NY	NC	RI	VT	KY
2002	TN	OH	LA	IN	MS
2003	IL	AL	ME	MD	AR
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Did you know the answer to the question on page 2... What kind of horse did Rodney have??? A **quarter** horse, of course!





## **Krause Publications Acquires Landmark Specialty Publications**

Krause Publications recently finalized the purchase of their largest acquisition to date -

- Landmark Specialty Publications headquartered in Norfolk, VA. "The addition of the Landmark group will add significantly to the depth and breadth of Krause Publications' offerings to the antiques and collectibles marketplace," said Krause President, Cliff Mishler. "It will bring even more expertise under our roof and further solidify our position as the world's largest hobby publisher. It is a natural fit for these two companies to come together."

Landmark Specialty Publications includes the magazines *"Antique Trader Weekly, Tuff Stuff, Collector Magazine and Price Guide, Toy Trader and Discoveries,* among others. The company employs over 150 people at various locations throughout the United States.

Also included in the acquisition is a network of regional antique shoppers and a range of collectible reference books numbering more than 100. Landmark has been a major force in serving the antiques and collectibles marketplace through its line of magazines, books and online services for the past 7 years.

"Over the past year it has become evident that Landmark Specialty Publications will be unable to make any significant acquisitions that will further build our critical mass and competitive advantage" said Richard F. Bary, III, vice-chairman of Landmark Communications. "Landmark decided that it would be in the best long-term interest of these publications to be a part of a large group owner with the existing resources necessary to ensure the continued growth and prosperity of our publications.

Krause Executive Vice-President, Roger Case, said the company plans to continue operating Landmark's satellite facilities serving the regional shoppers and the primary offices in Dubuque, Iowa and Richmond. The purchase will increase the Krause workforce by 40%.

"As each of these sites is self-sufficient in most respects, it is expected the acquisition will have little initial impact on day-to-day operations at the lola headquarters" Case said. All LSP employees will retain their positions, with the exception of a few corporate staff positions.

Krause Publications, founded in 1952 is an employee-owned firm that publishes 37 periodicals in 12 collectible and hobby fields, including numismatics, philatelics, crafts, sports memorabilia, collectibles, toys, music, car collecting, hunting and fishing. The company's book division publishes more than 600 covering the same topics.



## Be Wary of Y2K Gold, Silver Scams

If you believe you should buy gold or silver coins to protect yourself against possible year 2000 problems, you should be well informed before doing so.

Lawmakers and federal regulators have been warning the public to be wary of investment scams playing on fears that banks won't be able to handle the millennial date change. Some con artists have tried to persuade people to take their money out of banks to avoid computer foul-ups, then turn it over to be invested with them in gold, silver, small company stocks or other assets.

Potential investors in coins should be aware of three key factors:

1. The cost per ounce of precious metals;
2. The delivery time for the coins, and
3. The difference between value and collector value.

The value of bullion coins fluctuates in tandem with gold or silver prices, while collector coins have an additional value based on historical supply and demand.

"If you don't know your bullion coins, you'd better know your bullion coin dealer," cautioned Richard Schwary, President of the Professional Numismatists Guild. He noted that guild members who study and collect coins must follow a code of ethics and agree

to binding arbitration to settle disputes with customers. The group issued an advisory along with the ANA and the Industry Council for Tangible Assets, whose members are experts on paper money.

Schwary said American Eagle coins generally have higher retail prices than comparable Canadian Maple Leaf coins or South African Krugerrands. Some older U.S. Coins may be readily available in circulated condition for a "modest" premium over the value of their gold or silver content, but the same coins in pristine condition may have a significantly higher value, sometimes thousands of dollars more.

Consumers can get a free copy of the Professional Numismatists Guild's membership directory and a guide titled "What You Should Know Before You Buy Rare Coins" by writing to Robert Brueggeman, PNG Executive Director, 3950 Concordia Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Phone (760)-728-1300 or [www.pngdealers.com](http://www.pngdealers.com).

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### (GPS continued from page 12)

charting of roads, locating infrastructure and power lines and other tasks essential to property development.

The hand-held receivers rely on gold coatings applied to the connections between components to assure static-free transmission, and on the connections to the antenna, to receive a digitally pure signal from the GPS satellites. The contact connectors from the external power supply are also gold coated to prevent unwanted variations that could distort incoming signals. Without gold, none of this would be possible.





## ANA Happenings

Chet Krause was recognized as "Numismatist of the Year" during a special reception hosted by the American Numismatic Association in Chicago. Anthony Swiadek (center) outgoing President of ANA, and Cliff Mishler, assisted with the once-in-a-lifetime honor.



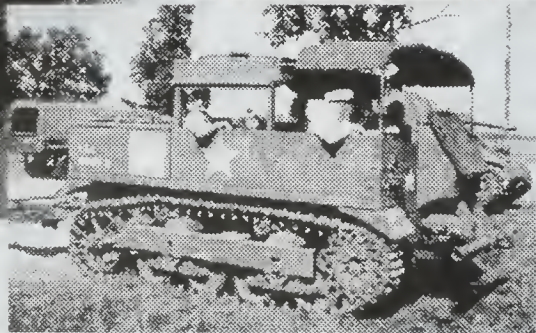
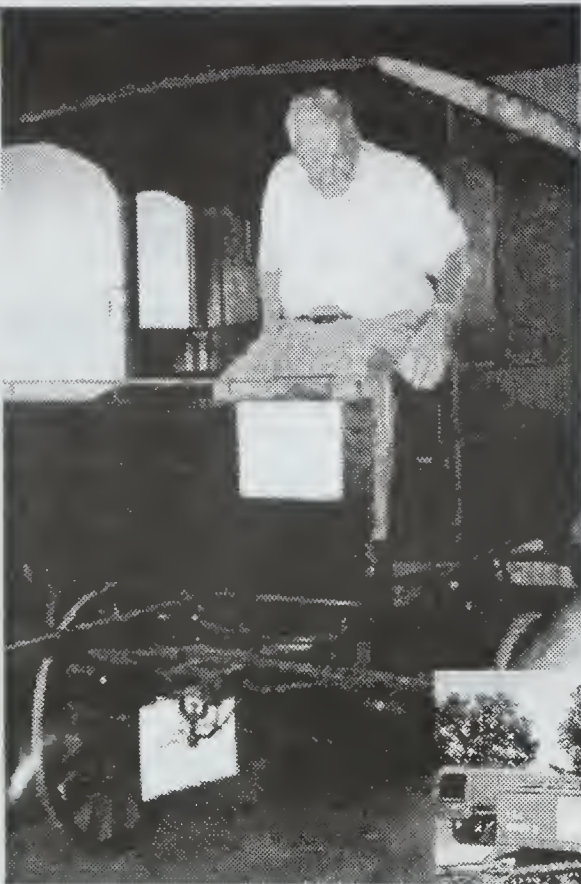
Jim & Karen Jach, editors of "The Centeniel" (quarterly publication of Central State Numismatic Society) accepted the award for "Best Regional Numismatic Publication at the ANA convention in Chicago. The presentation was made by Gar Travis (r), Regional Coordinator.

At the ANA convention in Chicago last month, Tom Casper (r) took 1st Place honors for his "Gold Love Tokens" exhibit. Presentation was made during the awards ceremonies by H. Robert Campbell (l) newly-elected ANA President.

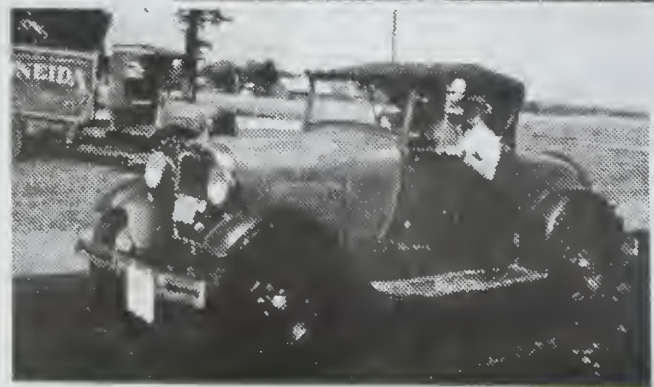




## Chet's Toys



Chet enjoys talking to friends about his collection of vintage vehicles.







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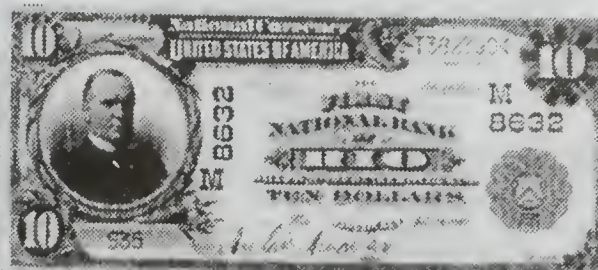
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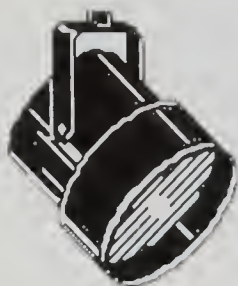
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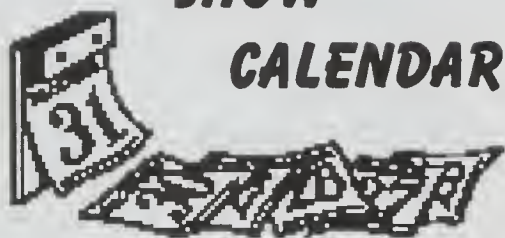
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**September 4-5, 1999 - Omaha, NE**  
NATCA Ntl. Token & Medal Show at the Holiday Inn Central I-80 & 72nd St., Omaha, NE. Chm. Chuck Berger, PO Box 1003-DTS, Omaha, NE 68103-1003. Ph. 402-571-5738.

**September 10-12, 1999 - Central States**  
Fall convention hosted by the 16th Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition, Drawbridge Convention Center, I-75 & Buttermilk Pike, Ft. Mitchell, KY. Paul Padget, 7641 Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. Ph. 513-821-2143.

**September 16-18, 1999 - Milwaukee**  
Milwaukee Numismatic Society Coin Show at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel (formerly Grand Milwaukee Hotel), 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee. 95 tables, \$1 admission. Bourse Chm. Dave Hunsicker, 248 S. 7th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095. Ph. 414-338-6064.

**September 26, 1999 - Rockford, IL**  
Rockford Area Coin Club's 86th Semi-Annual Coin Show at Holiday Inn-Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. (40 tables). Bourse Chm. Larry Kasberger 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL 61008 Ph: (815-547-6382).

**October 8-10, 1999 - Harvey IL**  
Illinois Numismatic Assoc. Fall Coin Show at Ramada Inn, 17040 South Halsted (Junction I-80 and Rt. 1) Harvey, IL. Hours Fri, & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4 pm. Contact Clayton Hagemann, PO Box 141, Plano, IL 60545. Ph. 630-552-3491.

**October 10, 1999 - Oconomowoc**  
Cooney Numismatists & Philatelists, Ltd. 29th Autumn Show at Oconomowoc Community Center, 324 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. Free admission. Hours 9-4 pm. Bourse Chm. Christine Dama, 414-593-8580.

**October 16, 1999 - Sheboygan**  
Sheboygan Coin Club's Coin, Sportscard & Beanie Babies Show at Sheboygan Armory, 516 Broughton Dr., Sheboygan. 40 tables (20 coin/20 other). Chm. Ed Rautmann, 1652 Riverdale Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Ph. 920-452-0054.

**October 17, 1999 - Wisconsin Dells**  
Baraboo Area Coin Club's 35th annual show at the Holiday Inn, Wisconsin Dells. Hours 9- 4 pm. (Exit 87 on I-90/94). Show Chm. John Acton, 15232 Gulch Rd., Wisconsin Dells. Ph. 608-253-7300.

**October 17, 1999 - Rochester MN**  
Rochester Area Coin Club show at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 150 S. Broadway, Rochester, MN. Hours: 9-4 pm. (60 tables). Bourse Chm. Jerry Swanson, PO Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903 (507-289-5099).

**October 31, 1999 - Gurnee, IL**  
Indian Hill Coin Show at American Legion Post 771, 749 N. Milwaukee Ave. Gurnee, IL. Hours 10-4 pm. (20 tables). Contact Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL 60099. Ph. 847-872-2725.

**November 7, 1999 - Madison**  
Madison Fall Coin Show at Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI. Free admission, parking, appraisals. Contact Len's Coins and Stamps 608-233-2118 for more information.

**November 14, 1999 - Kenosha**  
Kenosha Coin Club's 42nd Annual Show at Kenosha Union Club, 3030 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53142. Hours 9-4 pm. Show Chm. Jerry Binsfeld, PO Box 580191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. 414-843-2321 (b) or 414-654-6272 (h).

**November 14, 1999 - Springfield, IL**  
Central Illinois Numismatic Assoc. annual show at Northfield Center, 3210 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL. 35 tables. Contact Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL. Ph. 217-793-0919.



**November 28, 1999 - Green Bay**

Nicolet Coin Club's Fall Coin & Stamp Show at Rock Garden/Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay. Hours 9-4 pm. Chm. Roger Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. Ph. 920-499-7035.

**February 27, 2000 - Racine**

Racine Numismatic Society's 62nd Coin & Collectible Show at South Hills Country Club, 3047 Hwy. 94 Frontage Rd. (east of I-94), Franksville, WI (between Hwy. K & Hwy. 20). 40 tables. Bourse Chm. Jerome Binsfeld, Box 580191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. Ph. 414-843-2321 (w) or 414-654-6272 (h).

**March 3-5, 2000 - ANA**

National Money Show at Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**March 18, 2000 - Sheboygan**

Sheboygan Coin Club's Coin, Sportscard & Beanie Babies Show at Sheboygan Armory, 516 Broughton Dr., Sheboygan. 40 tables (20 coin/20 other). Chm. Ed Rautmann, 1652 Riverdale Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Ph. 920-452-0054.

**March 19, 2000 - Waukesha**

Waukesha Coin Show at the Elks Lodge, 2301 Springdale Road, Waukesha, WI 53186. 25-30 tables. Contact Forrest Schumacher 414-542-3934.

**April 16, 2000 - Appleton**

Fox Valley Coin Club's 45th show at Holiday Inn, Jct. Hwy. 41 & College Ave., Appleton, WI. Hours 9-4 pm., 40 dealers. Chm. Jim Bayer, PO Box 1981, Appleton, WI 54913. Ph. 920-739-1089.

**April 30, 2000 - Wausau**

Wisconsin Valley Coin Show at Midway Hotel, 2901 Martin Ave., Wausau, WI. Hours 9-5 pm. 50 tables. Show Chm. Thad Streeter, 5002 Tanya St., Schofield, WI 54476. Ph. 715-355-5437.

**May 4-7, 2000 - Central States**

Show hosted by 18 Northwest Coin Club, Minneapolis, MN (May 4 PNG Day).

**May 20, 2000 - NOW 40th Anniversary**  
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**August 9-13, 2000 - ANA**

World's Fair of Money at Philadelphia, PA.

**October 21, 2000 - Sheboygan**

Sheboygan Coin Club's Coin, Sportscard & Beanie Babies Show at Sheboygan Armory, 516 Broughton Dr., Sheboygan. 40 tables (20 coin/20 other). Chm. Ed Rautmann, 1652 Riverdale Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Ph. 920-452-0054.

**March 2001 - ANA**

National Money Show at Salt Lake City, UT

**April 5-8, 2001 - Central States**

Indianapolis, IN (April 5 PNG Day)

**August 8-12, 2001 - ANA**

World's Fair of Money at Atlanta, GA

**March 8-10, 2002 - ANA**

National Money Show at Jacksonville, FL

**April 25-28, 2002 - Central States**

Columbus, OH hosted by Columbus Numismatic Society, Columbus, OH (Apr. 25 is PNG Day)

**July 31 - August 4, 2002 - ANA**

World's Fair of Money at New York City, NY.

**July 30 - August 3, 2003 - ANA**

World's Fair of Money at Baltimore, MD.

**March 2004 - ANA**

National Money Show at Portland, OR.

**August 2004 - ANA**

World's Fair Show at Denver, CO.

**August 2005 - ANA**

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